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SUBJECT CHIEF, EL
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ERHARD'S ALLEGED COLLAPSE FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM WASHINGTON

ACTION REQUIRED REFERENCES

1. DURING CONVERSATIONS HERE, BOTH [] AND [] HAVE STATED THAT CHANCELLOR ERHARD COLLAPSED FOR TWENTY-FOUR HOURS FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM FUNERAL IN WASHINGTON. [] EXPLAINED THIS COLLAPSE PARTLY IN TERMS OF THE HOPES ERHARD HAD FOUNDED ON KENNEDY AS A STRONG LEADER WHOM HE COULD LOOK TO FOR GUIDANCE AND PARTLY IN TERMS OF A NERVOUS AND EMOTIONAL REACTION TO THE EVENTS AND THE MOOD THEY GENERATED. [] ON THE OTHER HAND, SEEMED TO BELIEVE THAT ERHARD'S COLLAPSE WAS TRACEABLE TO SOME SERIOUS BODILY WEAKNESS WHICH MAY BE EXPECTED TO RECUR.

2. ALTHOUGH NEITHER SOURCE EXPLAINED THE ORIGINS OF HIS INFORMATION AND [] INTERPRETATION MAY REFLECT NO MORE THAN A PARTISAN SCHADENFREUDE, WE SHOULD BE INTERESTED IN AN AUTHENTIC ACCOUNT OF ERHARD'S TROUBLE SO THAT WE CAN JUDGE WHETHER THIS IS A MATTER FOR CONCERN. PERHAPS [] OR OTHER SOURCES CAN HELP.

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